



**National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Little Rock Central High  
School National Historic  
Site**

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**Superintendent's Compendium**  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other Restrictions  
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

Approved:  
/s/ Signature on File  
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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Public Law 105-356 [112 STAT. 3268], Section 2(b) states, in part, "Only those lands [at Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site] under the direct jurisdiction of the Secretary shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the National Park System including the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1, 2-4) and the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461-467)." Accordingly, the provisions of this compendium do not apply to property within the historic site that is owned by entities other than the federal government.

Lands at the historic site under direct jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior generally include:

- The visitor center and adjacent parking lot, plaza, and grounds (2120 Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive)
- The historic Mobil gas station and adjacent parking lot and grounds (2125 Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive)
- The commemorative garden (2200 Daisy L. Gatson Bates Dr. located at the northeast corner of Daisy L. Batson Bates Drive and South Park Street)

The Central High School building and surrounding campus are owned and under the jurisdiction of the Little Rock School District.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

### **36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

#### Visiting Hours:

The visitor center is open for public visitation from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily. The visitor center is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The visitor center will also be closed during inclement weather or when closure is directed by MWRO or WASO (i.e. extended holidays, funerals).

The visitor center closures are based on staffing, including transportation to and from the site and the ability to perform the work in a safe environment.

The commemorative garden is open for public visitation and use from 7:00 a.m. until sunset daily.

*The commemorative garden provides contemplative space for reflection on the history of the high school and the events that happened there. It is not intended for overnight use.*

The Mobil gas station is unavailable for public use and is currently used as an office for maintenance employees.

*Public use of the facility was closed following the opening of the visitor center.*

#### Public Use Limits:

Individuals and groups of twelve people or less may congregate in the commemorative garden for low-key activities, including eating meals. Groups larger than twelve people may not use the garden unless a special use permit for that activity has been issued by the office of the superintendent.

*While using the garden for a low-key group activity or eating in itself is an appropriate activity in the commemorative garden, large groups may create a level of noise and distraction that would impinge on the contemplative nature of the garden.*

#### Prohibited Activities:

Until the NPS can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on park resources and values, "Our Park" is closed to the use of these devices. The use of unmanned aircraft within the boundaries of "Our Park" has the potential to harm visitors, cause excessive noise, and interfere with other visitors' enjoyment of the area. This closure is being implemented as an interim measure while this new use can be properly evaluated. A less restrictive approach is not appropriate at this time due to the impacts the devices could potentially present to visitor safety, park values, and to park resources. The interim closure will safeguard these values while the NPS considers how to address this new use on a long-term basis.

Sporting activities including, but not limited to, kite flying, Frisbee throwing, golfing, field games, skate boarding, rollerblading, and roller-skating are prohibited on federal lands within the boundary of the historic site.

*Because of the small size of the site's facilities, the activities also pose potential safety risks to other visitors. Further, recreation activities such as those mentioned are not in keeping with the contemplative nature of the commemorative garden.*

The possession or use of fireworks, firecrackers, or other explosive devices is prohibited on federal lands within the boundary of the historic site. No permits for the use or possession of fireworks, firecrackers, or explosive devices of any kind will be issued by the office of the superintendent.

*Because of the small size of the site's facilities, firecrackers, fireworks, and other explosive devices also pose potential safety risks to other visitors. Further, use of fireworks, firecrackers, or other explosive devices intrudes on the contemplative nature of the commemorative garden.*

The possession of firearms in the visitor center and Mobil service station are prohibited and marked with signs at all public entrances. In addition, Little Rock Central High School is an operating, four year public school within the boundary of the park. State law prohibits firearms in "any school, college, community college, or university campus building or event, unless for the purpose of participating in an authorized firearms-related activity."

*It is the responsibility of the visitor to understand and comply with all applicable and state firearm laws before entering this park.*

## **36 CFR §1.6 - PERMITS**

The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

- §2.50(a) Special events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
  - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
  - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.

## **36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DEVICES**

Audio devices such as, but not limited to, a radio, tape deck, musical instrument, television set, bullhorn, or public address system may not be used in the commemorative garden unless specifically authorized as part of a special use permit issued pursuant to 36 CFR § 250 or 36 CFR § 251.

*Amplified music and voices are not consistent with the contemplative nature for which the garden was created.*

## **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

Pets are not permitted within the visitor center or education center. This restriction does not apply to guide dogs for the visually or hearing impaired. All pets must be leashed or otherwise restrained in accordance with 36 CFR 2.15(a)(2).

Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited.

Individuals in possession of pets must have on their person a bag or devise for the containerization and removal of pet excrement. Individuals shall immediately containerize and dispose of excrement deposited by their pet in a trash receptacle or remove it from the historic site.

*The proper disposal of pet excrement protects public health and safety, helps control the spread of disease, and avoids degradation of the visitor experience from the sight and smell of fecal material.*

*Ensuring that a pet is leashed and not left unattended also protects the safety of visitors and helps avoid scenarios when unwanted overtures by a loose pet would diminish another visitor's experience.*

## **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

Smoking is prohibited inside all federally owned buildings within the historic site.

*Smoking is prohibited to ensure a healthy workplace for employees and visitors. Further, smoke and gases from cigarettes, cigars, and pipes adversely affect museum exhibits and artifacts.*

## **36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

The use, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on federally owned lands within the historic site except under the conditions of a special use permit issued by the office of the superintendent. The superintendent may impose restriction or conditions as required to assure public safety and guard against inappropriate levels of consumption.

*Consumption of alcoholic beverages is controlled to decrease the potential of an intoxicated person adversely affecting a visitor's experience, and to discourage the use of the grounds of the historic site as a place to congregate for the purposes of imbibing.*

### **36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS**

A special use permit must be issued by the office of the superintendent before a special event can take place on federal lands within the historic site. Requests for an early opening or late closing of facilities are considered special events. Permits for special events will be issued pursuant to standards established in Directors Order and Reference Manual 53 and 36 CFR. Application for a special use permit must be made in writing to the superintendent at least four business days before the event.

*These regulations are enacted to ensure the protection of historic site resources, prevent interference with interpretive or other NPS sponsored programs or activities and reduce conflicts with other visitors.*

### **36 CFR §2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS**

Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, and other expressions of views are allowed providing a special use permit has been issued by the office of the superintendent. Application for a special use permit must be made in writing to the superintendent at least 48 hours before the event. All permits will be issued with provisions that make clear that permittees may not harass visitors or impede visitors' mobility into, out of, or within the historic site.

*These regulations are enacted to ensure the protection of resources, prevent interference with interpretive or other NPS sponsored programs or activities and reduce conflicts with other visitors.*

Demonstrations involving 25 persons or fewer may be held without a permit within designated park areas, provided that none of the reasons for denying small groups permit exception occur.

*While it is not mandatory, the organizer is requested to provide reasonable notice of the proposed event to the park superintendent, including whether there is any reason to believe that there may be an attempt to disrupt, protest, or prevent the activity. In the event that two or more groups taking advantage of the small group permit exception seek to use the same designated available area at the same time, and the area cannot reasonably accommodate multiple occupancy, the superintendent will, whenever possible, direct the later-arriving group to relocate to another nearby designated available area.*

All federal property within the historic site may be used for exercising of First Amendment rights, except:

- Inside of the Visitor Center or Education Center, or within 25 feet of any entrance to those buildings.
- Within any area planted with ornamental landscaping and covered with mulch or vegetative ground cover (other than turf grass).
- Within any parking lot.

### **36 CFR §2.52 – SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

The sale and distribution of printed matter is allowed provided that a special use permit has been issued by the office of the superintendent, and provided the printed matter is not solely commercial advertising. The location authorized for this activity will be designated by the Superintendent.

*Permits of this type are necessary to control the sale or distribution of printed mater since such activity may conflict with the overall safety and enjoyment of the historic site by the majority of visitors.*

To ensure the exercise of First Amendment rights, the free distribution of message bearing items to the public other than printed matter, so long as the activity occurs within the designated First Amendment area and complies with First Amendment activities.

*Examples of message-bearing items that may be distributed for free include CDs, DVDs, and other readable electronic media. Such items must be distributed free of charge, and individuals may not ask or demand payment or request a donation in exchange for the item, which would violate 36 CFR 5.3.*